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MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Intelligence Agencies

SUBJECT: Defense Intelligence Projections for Planning

1. Defense Intelligence Projections for Planning (DIPP-71) Soviet Military Forces through 1980, will be the successor to NIPP-70. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Deputy Secretary of Defense have agreed that these projections for planning are properly departmental, not national intelligence, and that responsibilities for production should be, and are, transferred from CIA to DIA.

2. DIA expects to produce a Defense Intelligence Projections for Planning on the USSR in FY 1970 that will be a direct lineal descendant of the NIPP series. It will be in the same format, follow generally the same organization; appear on the same time schedule, and be produced somewhat in the same manner.

3. The DIPP will be a DIA document, produced by DIAAP-Y, but it will be produced with the participation of CIA and NSA and of the intelligence components of the Army, Navy, Air Force,

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State, and AEC. USIB committees -- GMAIC, SIC, and JAEIC -- will furnish contributions on weapon system characteristics and capabilities, as they did for the NIPP. DIPP working groups will be set up (in lieu of Ad Hoc NIPP working groups) to make projections of forces over the next 10 years. These working groups will be chaired by members of the DIPP task force in DIAAP-Y, but will invite the participation of all interested intelligence agencies.

4. The DIPP, as produced by DIAAP-Y, will represent the DIA view as incorporated in the relevant NIEs. Alternative views will be set forth in appropriate footnotes in those cases in which they cannot be accommodated in the DIPP text or tables. The DIA view will be approved by the Director, DIA, upon recommendation of the Military Intelligence Board and after review by representatives of CIA, NSA, and the intelligence components of State and AEC.

5. DIPP-70, Soviet Military Forces through 1980, will consist of eight sections, as follows:

I. Intercontinental Attack Forces

(Reflecting NIE 11-8-70 and having 3 sections on ICBMs, SLBMs on SSBNs, and intercontinental bombers).

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II. Strategic Defense Forces

(Reflecting NIE 11-3-70 and having 5 sections on Air Warning and Control, Interceptors, SAMS, Space and Missile Surveillance and Warning, ABMs, and ASW against SSBNs.)

III. Theater Forces

(Reflecting parts of NIE 11-14-70 and having 3 sections on Ground Forces, Tactical Air Forces, Military Transport Forces.)

IV. Peripheral Attack Forces

(Reflecting parts of NIE 11-14-70 and having 2 sections on land-based missiles, SLEMs on SSNs, and peripheral bombers.)

V. General Purpose Naval Forces

(Reflecting parts of NIE 11-14-70 and 11-10-70.)

VI. Nuclear Implications

VII. Military Manpower Implications

VIII. Military Expenditures Implications

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6. For FY 1970, at least, the DIPP will follow the same ground rules with regard to levels of confidence as did the NIPP. That is, projections will encompass the area of the "probable" (75 percent or greater probability) with high and low limits; show 50-50 possibilities by a 0-Number projections; and discuss in the text, but not give projections for, possibilities in the 25 percent likelihood range.

7. While the details of the DIPP and its production procedures have not yet been entirely worked out and agreed to, the necessity of producing Section I in September requires that work begin immediately. For this reason. Terms of Reference for Section I, Intercontinental Attack Forces, and Section II, Strategic Defense Forces, will be sent out shortly, even though some changes in the production procedures will probably still be made.

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